

ENERGY EFFICIENCY: CHECKLIST FOR HOME BUYERS

Your home is one of the most important purchases you'll ever make. Make the most of it by getting a clear picture of your future home's energy efficiency!

- ❑ **How old is the home?** The size, age, and air tightness properties of the home will impact its energy use. A larger and older home will typically use more energy.
- ❑ **Are the appliances ENERGY STAR® certified?** These are the most energy efficient appliances available, so they definitely go into the "plus column" for anyone examining a home.
- ❑ **When were the windows installed?** Are they ENERGY STAR® certified? Newer windows are less drafty and better insulated, making it easier to heat or cool your home.
- ❑ **Is the attic insulated?** A home that's properly insulated, especially in the basement and attic, will be easier to heat and keep cool.
- ❑ **Is the basement finished?** An uninsulated basement can account for 25% of the heat loss in a house.
- ❑ **Does the home have a heat pump?** Heat pumps are an efficient way to heat your home and can also provide air conditioning in the summer months.

There's lots of ways to save and even make upgrades to your home with the help of the Total Home Energy Savings Program.

To learn more, [visit **saveenergy.nb.ca**](https://www.saveenergy.nb.ca).



- ❑ **Is there a heat recovery ventilation system (HRV)?** HRV systems provide a balanced fresh air supply while reducing dust, pollen and other allergens. It will make it a healthier home for your family to live in without driving up your energy bill.
- ❑ **Look for a reputable energy label or rating.** Government backed energy labels like Natural Resources Canada's EnerGuide Rating System can tell you a lot about how energy efficient a home is.

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